

Thomas Leiper House (Avondale)
519 Avondale Road
Wallingford
Delaware County
Pennsylvania

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Delaware	TOWN OR VICINITY Wallingford
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Thomas Leiper House		HABS NO. PA-1244
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Avondale		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 519 Avondale Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1785		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Important example of an 18th century estate which developed around the manufacturing activities of the Leiper tobacco, snuff, and quarry business.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Random rubble with stucco scored to resemble ashlar.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) L-shaped, 36'6" (three bay front) x 30' main block; 30' x 17' kitchen ell.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Sloping site exposes coursed ashlar basement; gable roof with dormers; paired chimneys in parapets at gabled ends, pedimented distyle entrance porch with carved frieze on east elevation, door transom with Adamesque tracery		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Kitchen ell built as a separate building and was later joined to house (no date).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE In addition to house, four other dependencies remain: springhouse, carriage house, privy, and vault.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Manuscript of Pennsylvania HABS Catalog, Deborah S. Burns, 1976-79, in HABS Office.		
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